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COLLEGE NEWS

SUMMARY OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The second council meeting of the session was held at college headquarters on 9 December, 1972 with Dr E. V. Kuenssberg in the chair.

Deputy President

The Deputy President, Dr G. I. Watson, paid tribute to Lord Rosenheim, whose death had recently been announced. He had been immediate Past President of the Royal College of Physicians, an Honorary Fellow of the College and Chairman of the Education Foundation Board.

The recent announcement of the appointment of Professor J. A. Forbes to the new Chair of Primary Medical Care at the University of Southampton was warmly welcomed by the Council.

Dr Watson reported that he had been presented by Dr Bradley with a statue of Mercury which was displayed to the Council.

Universities

The Chairman announced that the first Sir Harry Jephcott Professorship had been arranged at the University of Glasgow and he was pleased that Dr Keith Hodgkin, F.R.C.G.P., would be the first visiting professor.

E.E.C.

The Chairman outlined the position about the Common Market and noted that the College's position on the need for a period of adaptation had recently received some support from some continental countries who favoured attendance by doctors at 'centres of information'. He considered the problems of accreditation and the assessment of the value of hours of training needed further study.

Young doctors

Dr A. U. MacKinnon, faculty representative from Yorkshire, reported that his Faculty recommended that financial concessions should be made available to young doctors to encourage involvement with the College. The Treasurer pointed out that considerable concessions already existed but that these would be reviewed again, and the Council agreed to refer the problem to both the Finance Committee and the Board of Censors.

World Organisation of National Colleges and Academies of General Practice

Council agreed to pay \$500 (Australian) as a

contribution without prejudice, to the executive of this organisation, and agreed to consider the draft constitution at a future meeting.

Announcements

The Chairman of Council congratulated Dr J. P. Horder on being elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, and Dr R. J. F. H. Pinsent on the success of the conference, *Airs, Waters and Paces II*, and for producing the *Research glossary*.

The Fraser Rose Gold Medal was to be awarded for the first time on the results of the recent examination for the membership. The first winner was Dr S. L. Barley of Sheffield.

Dr J. Stevens had accepted the invitation to deliver the 1973 James Mackenzie lecture and Dr M. L. Marinker of Grays, Essex, had been invited to deliver the 1974 William Pickles lecture.

Dr Ridsdill Smith had been responsible for an excellent display in the practice organisation committee room and Council recorded its appreciation.

Dr B. C. S. Slater

The Chairman of the Awards Committee, Dr B. C. S. Slater, announced that his committee had recommended that the Foundation Council award be presented at the Annual Spring Meeting to Dr Don Rice, the executive director of the College of Family Physicians of Canada and that an Honorary Fellowship should be awarded to Dr Bill Falk and Dr Bruce Halliday. These recommendations were approved by the Council.

The Migraine Trust had awarded a new prize, the details of which were to be announced later.

Examination

Examination for the membership of the College had attracted 143 candidates, of whom 41 failed. This was a larger failure rate than before and Professor J. D. E. Knox said that a list of the candidates had been prepared in descending order of merit, and this was being analysed to determine the performance of vocationally-trained candidates in relation to others. The preliminary results suggested that vocational trainees had done well.

Publications committee

The chairman of the publications committee, Dr J. A. R. Lawson, spoke about decisions taken in relation to the *Journal* by the publications committee and its sub-committee. He reported a recent ruling by the Department of Trade and Industry in relation to the price freeze, and he and the Honorary Editor

expressed considerable fears that this might have substantial financial repercussions on the College. The publications committee was urgently reviewing the position and would make every effort to minimise the effect.

Librarians' meeting

Dr M. J. Linnett reported that a meeting of librarians had been held at college headquarters; he thanked Miss Margaret Hammond, and thought that the meeting had been very successful.

The appeal

Council considered the possibility of a broadcast appeal. It was agreed that it should be explored further. Dr A. U. MacKinnon, Yorkshire, said that he had begun to form lay committees locally and this idea was warmly welcomed.

Tutors

Council approved the appointment of the following tutors: D. A. Haldane (West of Scotland); I. G. Moran (Northern Ireland); W. W. Ramsay (Northern Ireland); Raine Roberts (North-west England); I. G. Tait (East Anglia); R. J. Thomas (Wessex); W. P. Thompson (South-east Scotland); J. O. Woods (Northern Ireland).

Expenses for tutors were considered and Dr Horder felt that they should be supported as much as possible. The Council postponed a decision.

North-west England Faculty

Dr C. R. Kay, representing North-west England, reported communication difficulties between his Faculty and headquarters. Three of the Officers explained the position, and it was reported that an apology had been sent to the Faculty.

MEDICAL RECORDING SERVICE FOUNDATION

Members who visit Princes Gate can now listen to tape slides on new listening equipment in the new practice-organisation room. The library will be stocking a small reserve collection of tapes but visitors who are staying at the College can ask the Librarian to obtain tapes for them if they give a few days' notice. Each month the 'tape of the month' will be always available for anyone who wishes to do some intensive learning. The subject for February will be *The Management of chronic bronchitis* and for March it will be *Renal tuberculosis*. Appropriate references will also be found to books in the library.

Regular listeners to recordings by Dr Mary

Sheridan on developmental paediatrics might like to know that the complete series on examination of children between six weeks and five years is now available. This series is a textbook on tape on this important subject.

A new recording of interest to those who live in mountain areas is a talk on *Examining a Casualty on the Mountain* by Dr Ieuan Jones, Medical Officer of the Welsh Mountain Rescue Committee. Although intended principally for first-aid workers it would be helpful if members could give local publicity to this recording.

Full details of these recordings and others are available from the Medical Recording Service Foundation, Kitts Croft, Writtle, Chelmsford, CM1 3EH. Tel: 0245 421475.

EPIDEMIC OBSERVATION UNIT

Identical twins who are discordant. Identical twins are said to suffer from the same diseases. Is this borne out by the facts as observed by their general practitioners? Professor C. A. Clarke, P.R.C.P., has invited general practitioners to report examples to him of identical twins who are discordant for a common disorder. A former research fellow in his department at Liverpool published the first of a series of articles on this subject last July (Pembrey, 1972).

Throughout 1973 members of the College who look after identical twins will be reminded by the notification form at the back of the *Journal* to notify any example of such discordancy which they may encounter.

REFERENCE

Pembrey, M. E. (1972). *Practitioner*, **209**, 110-113.

MEMBERSHIP EXAMINATION

The following candidates were successful in the membership examination of the Royal College of General Practitioners in November, 1972:

Anderson, P. M. D.	Brown, W. J. D.
Andrew, C. I.	Burton, J. A.
Ashton, J. B.	Cameron, Eric
Aubrey, R. J.	Campbell, D. G. D.
Azurdia, C. M.	Careless, A. H.
Barber, C. G.	Cobb, J. S.
Barclay, Gordon	Cohen, J. S. H.
Barker, M. E.	Collinge, J. D.
*Barley, S. L.	Cowan, Mary G. B.
Barnard-Jones, K.	Crawford, C. D.
Beckett, D. W.	Crowe, M. G. F.
Berger, Kathleen N.	Davies, H. C.
Booth, C. A.	Davies, P. P.
Boyes, G. M. P.	Dyker, G. S.
Bracey, A. P.	Evans, K. G. C.

Fallon, P. T.	Neville, R. E.
Finch, M. E.	Nottidge, R. E.
Foggin, W. K.	Oakden, E. W. R.
Fraser, G. D.	Oliver, E. W. R.
Freudenberg, Sebastian	Oliver, Graeme
Gilchrist, I. C.	Paine, D. L. S.
Gill, C. H.	Parker, R. H. O.
Green, A. S.	Phillips, C. W. D.
Grieve, D. R.	Pike, B. R.
Harrison, D. F.	Rea, G. R.
Hickish, G. W.	Reed, Anthony
Hillier, E. R.	Reilly, P. M.
Holbrook, G. A.	Rennie, R. A.
Houston, Alanah D. J.	Robinson, F. Eileen
Hoyte, P. J.	Robinson, K. J.
Hunt, H. A.	Russell, J. G.
Jameson, R. J.	Ryle, F. R.
Jefferson, H. A.	Schofield, D. J.
Keele, Gerard	Sharpe, R. A.
Kippax, N. J. W.	Sheppard, J. G. H.
Lervy, Bruce	Simpson, J. D.
Lipsett, W. G. C.	Smart, C. J.
Lloyd-Williams, C. B. A.	Spencer, D. F.
McGinley, Thomas	Stitt, G. W.
McGimpsey, W. D.	Taylor, G. A.
MacLennan, Torquil	Taylor, John
MacLeod, R. J.	Tiarks, J. C.
McSherry, J. A.	Tiplady, Peter
Mangatal, A. T.	Toby, J. P.
Manton, J. R.	Varnam, M. A.
Marson, W. S.	West, R. J.
Millar, C. W.	White, D. S.
Miller, P. I.	Williams, D. J.
Moxon, Paul	Williams, G. P.
Mungall, I. J.	Willis, B. D.
Murray, J. R.	Wylie, J. B.

* with distinction

Dr S. L. Barley will be awarded the Fraser Rose Gold Medal.

COURSES AT THE COLLEGE

Advanced Course in general practice will be held from 19 to 30 March, 1973.

Content of General Practice 12 to 16 March, 1973. This course is already fully subscribed.

Scope of General Practice is held each Thursday at the College. All applications to the Courses Secretary at the Royal College of General Practitioners, 14 Princes Gate, Hyde Park, London SW7 1PU.

LIAISON COMMITTEE WITH BASW

The second meeting of the Standing Joint Liaison Committee between the Royal College of General Practitioners and the British Association of Social Workers took place at 42 Bedford Square on 24 November, 1972.

The role of the Committee was seen as initiating discussion between the two professions on subjects of mutual concern and the stimu-

lation of further inter-disciplinary communication in the Faculties of the College and the Regions of BASW by the circulation of discussion documents.

A discussion paper on the respective roles of the doctors and social workers in primary care is to be produced by a small working party; comments and suggestions for inclusion in this paper should be sent to Dr L. Ratoff, c/o Mrs Mant at Princes Gate.

The Committee also recognised the growing importance of adding a section concerning social problems to the Royal College of General Practitioners *Classification of Disease*. Equally important was the formulation of an agreed method of applying the classification thus created. This matter was referred to the Research Unit at Birmingham.

UNDERGRADUATE ESSAY PRIZE COMPETITION

The Royal College of General Practitioners is awarding three prizes—£70 (with an additional £10 in book tokens), £50 and £40, for the best reports on one or more patients seen in general practice, from senior medical students in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland.

Forms of application can be obtained from the College or from the dean of the student's medical school. Entries should be sent to the Education Secretary, Royal College of General Practitioners, 14 Princes Gate, Hyde Park, London SW7 1PU, by 31 May, 1973.

MIDLAND FACULTY

The Annual General Meeting and dinner will be held at St. John's Hotel, Solihull on 3 May, 1973.

In Memoriam

JOSEPH MAIZEL, Whitwell, Nottinghamshire, Founder member.

T. E. RARDIN, Ashville, D.C. U.S.A.

W. J. SAVAGE, Cashel, Co. Tipperary

J. W. TOTTEN, Inerleven, Dumbarton, Founder member

MEDICAL NEWS

MILROY LECTURER 1974

Dr Julian Tudor Hart, M.R.C.G.P., of Port Talbot, Wales, has been appointed Milroy

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Applications and requests for further information, should be sent to:

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